

# **Upper Snake Region**

# General Fishing Season for the Upper Snake Region

All Waters Open All Year except as modified in Upper Snake Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 30–32.

Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.

# General Bag and Possession Limits for the Upper Snake Region

The following bag and possession limits apply to all waters of the Upper Snake Region except as modified in Upper Snake Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 30–32.

# **Bass** (largemouth and smallmouth)

- Bass limit is 6, both species combined
- None under 12 inches

## **Brook Trout**

- Brook trout limit is 25
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules – if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for brook trout

# **Bull Trout**

- Bull trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bull trout harvest is allowed

# Kokanee

Kokanee limit is 6

# Sturgeon

- Sturgeon limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Sturgeon must not be removed from the water and must be released upon landing
- Barbless hooks and sliding sinkers are required, see Page 49 for details

# Tiger Muskie

Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

**Trout** includes brown trout, golden trout, lake trout, splake, Arctic grayling, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, and trout hybrids

Trout limit is 6, all species combined

# Does not include bull trout and brook trout which are listed separately

#### Whitefish

- Whitefish limit is 25 see Big Lost River exception
- Harvest allowed during any open season unless otherwise noted under Special Rules - if gear or bait restrictions are listed, they must be followed when fishing for whitefish

# Protected Nongame Fish including leatherside chub

May not be harvested or possessed

## All Other Fish Species includes bullfrogs and crayfish

No bag, size or possession limit

# Special Rule Waters for the Upper Snake Region (see Pages 30-32 for details)

Beaver Creek and tributaries

Big Lost River and tributaries

Burns Creek (see South Fork Snake

River tributaries)

Dry Beds (Snake River)

Fall River and tributaries

Fish Creek (Harriman State Park)

Fishpole Lake (Custer County)

Fox Creek (see Teton River tributaries)

Golden Lake (Harriman State Park)

Hell Creek (see Willow Creek

tributaries)

Henrys Fork (Snake River, North Fork)

Henrys Fork tributaries (excluding Thurmon Creek, Warm River and

the Fall River)

Henrys Lake

Henrys Lake Outlet

Henrys Lake tributaries

Horseshoe Lake (Fremont County)

Lava Creek (see Willow Creek

tributaries)

Little Lost River and tributaries

Long Lake (Custer County)

Market Lake Wildlife Management Area

McCov Creek (see Palisades Reservoir tributaries)

Medicine Lodge Creek and tributaries

Mud Lake Palisades Creek (see South Fork Snake River tributaries)

Palisades Lakes

Palisades Reservoir tributaries

Pine Creek (see South Fork Snake

River tributaries)

Rainey Creek (see South Fork Snake River tributaries)

Ririe Reservoir

Sand Creek Wildlife Management Area

Sellars Creek (see Willow Creek tributaries)

Silver Lake (Harriman State Park)

Snake River

South Fork Snake River

South Fork Snake River tributaries

Swauger Lake (Custer County)

Teton Creek (see Teton River tributaries)

**Teton River** 

Teton River tributaries

Thurmon Creek (Harriman State Park)

Trail Creek (see Teton River tributaries)

Warm River and tributaries

Willow Creek

Willow Creek tributaries

# Special Rule Waters For the Upper Snake Region

See Page 29 for fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Upper Snake Region except as listed below.

#### **Beaver Creek and tributaries**

• Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

# **Big Lost River and tributaries**

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-andrelease; whitefish limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6; whitefish limit is 0, catch-and-release

## **Dry Beds** (Snake River)

Section: From the Highway 48 bridge upstream to the Great Feeder irrigation diversion

- May 1 through March 31 Upper Snake Region general rules apply
- April 1 through April 30 it is legal to take fish with dip nets, by snagging or by hand – Upper Snake Region bag limits apply

## Fall River and tributaries

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2, no harvest of cutthroat trout

#### Fish Creek (Harriman State Park)

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout
- · Fly-fishing only

## Fishpole Lake (an alpine lake in Custer County)

• Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches

## **Golden Lake** (Harriman State Park)

Closed to fishing

## **Henrys Fork** (Snake River, North Fork)

Section: From Del Rio Bridge upstream to Vernon Bridge

 Trout limit is 2, none under 16 inches, no harvest of cutthroat trout

#### Section: From Vernon Bridge upstream to Ashton Dam

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2, none under 16 inches, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Section: From Highway 20 bridge upstream to the posted boundary upstream of Riverside Campground

• Trout limit is 2, none under 16 inches, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Section: From the posted boundary upstream of the Riverside Campground upstream to the lower Harriman State Park boundary

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 0, catch-andrelease, no bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Section: From the lower Harriman State Park boundary upstream to the upper Harriman State Park boundary (Harriman Ranch)

- December 1 through June 14 closed to fishing
- June 15 through November 30 trout limit is 0, catch-and-release, fly fishing only, barbless hooks required

Section: From the upper Harriman State Park boundary to Island Park Dam

- Trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Section: From McCrea Bridge upstream to the Henrys Lake Outlet

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, only 2 may be cutthroat trout, no cutthroat trout under 16 inches

Section: From Henrys Lake Outlet upstream to the head of Big Springs

Closed to fishing

All other sections of Henrys Fork including Ashton and Island Park Reservoirs – Upper Snake Region general rules apply

# Henrys Fork tributaries (except Warm River, Fall River, and Thurmon Creek)

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial
   Day weekend trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

## **Henrys Lake**

Section: Those portions of the lake within the posted boundaries of Staley Springs and within 100 yards of Hatchery Creek

Closed to fishing

#### Remainder of Henrys Lake

- January 2 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – Closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through January 1 – trout limit is 2, brook trout must be counted in the trout limit
- Fishing may not continue after 2 trout have been reduced to possession

## **Henrys Lake Outlet**

Section: From its mouth upstream to the USGS Gauge Station (about 400 yards below Henrys Lake Dam)

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, only 2 may be cutthroat trout, no cutthroat trout under 16 inches

Section: From the USGS Gauge Station upstream to the Henrys Lake Dam (about 400 yards)

Closed to fishing

# Henrys Lake tributaries

- July 1 through March 31 no harvest of cutthroat trout; brook trout limit is 25; only two brook trout over 16 inches
- April 1 through June 30 closed to fishing
- Hatchery Creek closed to fishing

# Horseshoe Lake (Fremont County)

• No motors

# Little Lost River and tributaries

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial
   Day weekend trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 trout limit is 2

# **Long Lake** (an alpine lake in Custer County)

• Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches

# Market Lake Wildlife Management Area

 March 1 through July 15 – no boats, rafts or float tubes

# Medicine Lodge Creek and tributaries

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend, trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2, no harvest of cutthroat trout

# Mud Lake (west of the posted boundary which runs north and south from McKenzie Point)

 March 1 through July 15 – no boats, rafts or float tubes

# Palisades Lakes (alpine lakes in the Palisades Creek drainage)

• Trout limit is 2

# **Palisades Reservoir tributaries**

• Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

# Ririe Reservoir

• Ice fishing is restricted to the area from the dam to the posted boundary about 1 mile upstream

# Sand Creek Wildlife Management Area

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through July 15 no boats, rafts or float tubes
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – motorized watercraft prohibited

# Silver Lake (Harriman State Park)

Closed to fishing

# Snake River (From American Falls Reservoir upstream to the confluence of Henrys Fork (North) and South Fork)

• Trout limit is 6, only 2 may be cutthroat trout

## **South Fork Snake River**

- No harvest of cutthroat trout
- Brown trout limit is 2, none under 16 inches
- No limit on rainbow trout or hybrid trout

# South Fork Snake River tributaries

- July 1 through March 31 trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout
- April 1 through June 30 closed to fishing

## Swauger Lake (an alpine lake in Custer County)

• Trout limit is 2, none under 20 inches

## **Teton River**

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

#### **Teton River tributaries**

- July 1 through March 31 trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout
- April 1 through June 30 closed to fishing

## **Thurmon Creek** (Harriman State Park)

Closed to fishing

# Warm River and tributaries

Section: Within the posted boundaries from Parker (Scheuller) Cabin near the mouth of Robinson Creek upstream to State Highway 47 bridge

Closed to fishing

#### All other sections of the Warm River

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend, trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

# Willow Creek

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial
   Day weekend trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

## Willow Creek tributaries

- July 1 through March 31 trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout
- April 1 through June 30 closed to fishing

# SOUTH FORK SNAKE RIVER YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT FISHERY

Native Yellowstone cutthroat trout are highly valued by South Fork anglers for their aggressive nature and fast growth. Non-native rainbow trout not only compete with Yellowstone cutthroat trout, but they also interbreed with them, producing hybrids. Hybridization is a serious threat to the native cutthroat trout fishery. Idaho Fish and Game is attempting to minimize the level of hybridization in the South Fork by encouraging anglers to harvest rainbow trout, and by using traps to prevent rainbows from spawning in important cutthroat trout spawning tributaries. With your support, these efforts will help ensure this healthy Yellowstone cutthroat population and unique angling opportunity will be around for generations to come. So enjoy a shore lunch, or take some South Fork rainbow trout home for dinner – you'll be doing the fishery a favor!

Hybrid description: Cutthroat/rainbow trout hybrids display variable color and markings representing a range of shared characteristics from rainbow and cutthroat trout. All hybrids show spotting patterns similar to rainbow trout with spots more evenly distributed from head to tail and above and below the lateral line. Yellowstone cutthroat/rainbow trout hybrids in the South Fork Snake River drainage are most easily identified by the presence of white fin tips.



# Henrys Fork (Snake River, North Fork) Fishing Guide

Map for general reference only. See Page 30 for specific boundaries.

